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Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449, 3 sheets, which lists references cited in the present application and of which Applicants are aware. Also submitted herewith is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statements and PTO-1449 documents filed in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/337,567 and grandparent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/150,643. Copies of the references made part of the file history of the parent application have not been included at this time. At the request of the Examiner, additional copies will be furnished.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the U.S. patents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

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Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

Co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 08/994,621 and 08/994,623 disclose subject matter related to that of the present application.

An Office Action has not been received to date. Therefore, no fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). However, if the Assistant Commissioner determines that any fee is due or any overpayment has been made for this application, he is authorized to charge or credit such sum to Deposit Account No. 50-0217.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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